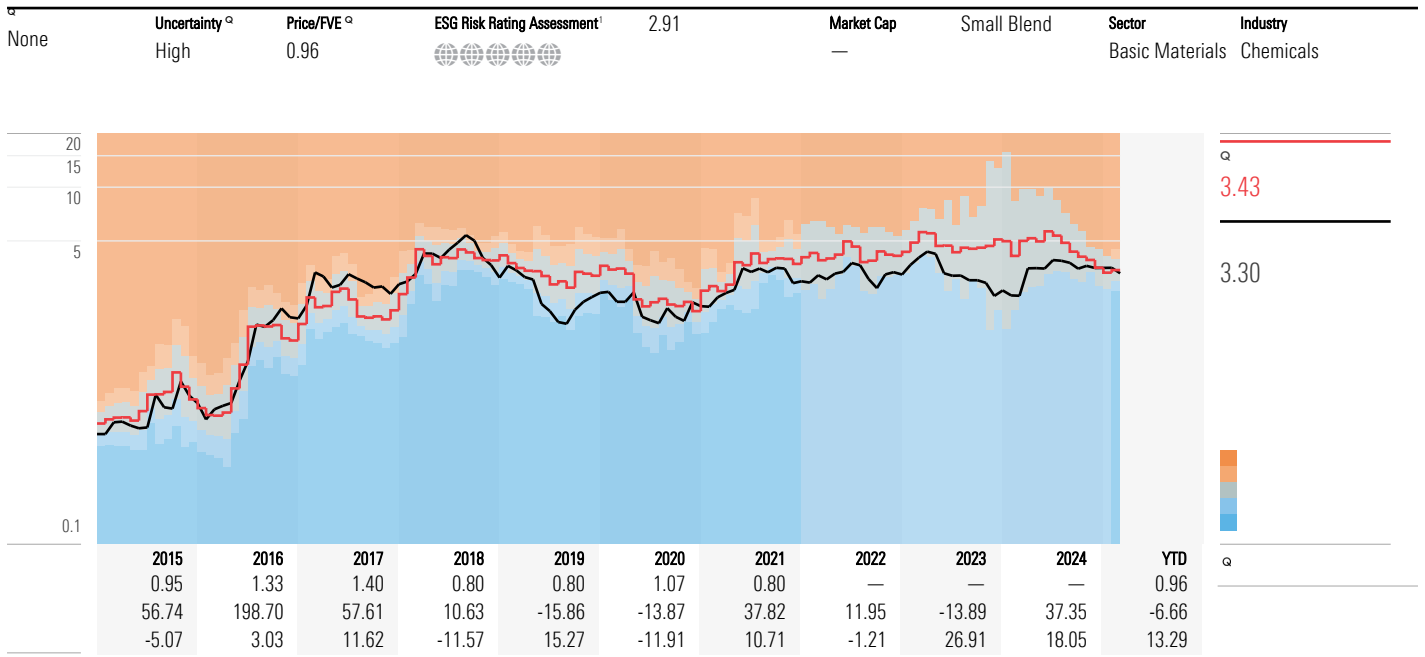


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Ercros SA is a chemical manufacturing company operating in basic and plastic chemicals divisions, intermediate chemicals division, and pharmaceuticals division. The company's product portfolio includes Caustic soda, Hydrochloric acid, Sodium chloride, Sodium hypochlorite, Glues and resins, Moulding compounds, Pentaerythritol, Erythromycin, Fosfomycin, Fusidic acid, among others. Its products are supplied to various industries including the chemical industry, construction, wood industry, paints, food industry, pharmaceuticals, electric material, and water treatment. The majority of the revenue is derived from the sale of basic chemicals in the local markets.

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Ercros SA is assigned a 3-star quantitative star rating, indicating our belief that this share class is a balanced choice, but prudent investors should consider looking elsewhere. The stock currently trades at a 4% discount to our quantitative fair value estimate of 3.43 EUR per share; however, caution is warranted due to this estimate's high uncertainty rating.

The company's valuation metrics bolster our fair value estimate. A company's valuation metrics provide insights into the market's expectations for its future growth and profitability. Reflecting the firm's valuation is its book value yield of 118.9%, which ranks in the top 30% compared with peers globally. The market price is low relative to the book (accounting) value of the company's equity, which contributes to our view that shares are cheap.

The company's profitability is an additional encouraging factor. Highly profitable companies are often more resilient in recessions and are likely to gener-

ate stronger future cash flows for shareholders. The firm's sales yield of 217.3%, for example, lies in the top 20% compared with global peers. This company has a robust ability to generate sales without much capital investment, freeing up more capital to be returned to shareholders in the long run. This characteristic further promotes our favorable price/fair value ratio.

In addition to the aforementioned drivers, our model considers momentum as part of its comprehensive analysis. This share class has outperformed the broader universe over the past year. While we believe the stock is undervalued, this outperformance had a negative impact on our valuation estimate.

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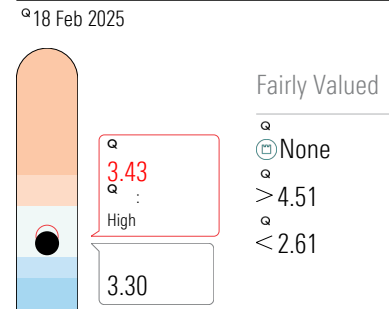
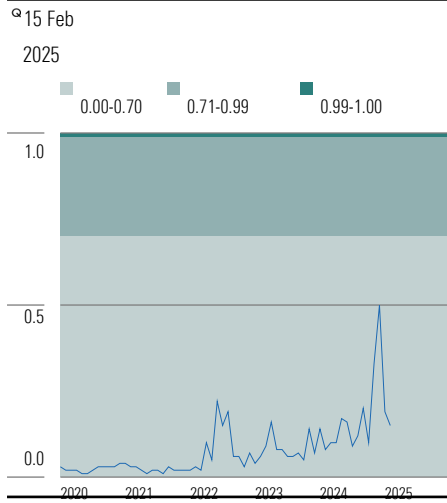
This company lacks a competitive advantage, receiving a quantitative economic moat rating of none. Additionally, the firm's moderate financial health score suggests it is acceptably positioned against adverse economic circumstances.

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None Uncertainty ^Q High Price/FVE ^Q 0.96 ESG Risk Rating Assessment¹ 2.91 Market Cap — Small Blend Sector Basic Materials Industry Chemicals



(31 Dec 2019)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	09/2024	
	618.27	602.54	685.97	671.94	—	—	—	—	—	—	637.45	(Mil)
	16.85	41.27	48.22	43.21	—	—	—	—	—	—	-7.43	(Mil)
	2.73	6.85	7.03	6.43	—	—	—	—	—	—	-1.17	
	7.24	45.16	44.58	44.88	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.10	(Mil)
	0.06	0.40	0.40	0.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.15	
	14.00	38.95	43.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(Mil)
	9.15	18.71	42.84	42.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(Mil)
	15.80	25.91	2.95	2.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(Mil)
	114.09	114.09	109.86	106.28	—	—	—	—	—	—	104.92	(Mil)

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
	0.95	1.33	1.40	0.80	0.80	1.07	0.80	—	—	—	0.96 ^Q
	0.11	0.37	0.47	0.51	0.40	0.39	0.46	0.32	0.32	0.50	0.46
	—	7.35	6.27	7.47	10.79	12.27	13.50	4.84	9.14	23.36	21.81
	6.75	5.24	6.74	—	10.21	3.27	4.23	5.15	3.43	7.62	7.11
	0.40	1.08	1.42	1.28	0.97	0.77	0.98	0.90	0.69	0.91	0.85

(31 Dec 2019)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	09/2024
	1.40	8.43	7.69	7.44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	4.21	22.82	19.08	17.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3.75	14.86	13.13	12.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
	—	—	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	—	0.09	0.15	0.10	0.10
	0.00	0.00	1.40	1.61	2.34	2.32	0.00	2.62	5.68	2.72	2.91
	—	—	0.81	3.52	3.67	4.01	1.20	3.13	7.68	3.45	—

Appendix

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
2025	0.19	0.15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2024	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.16	0.09	0.12	0.20	0.10	0.33	0.50
2023	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.16	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.07
2022	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.05	0.22	0.15	0.19	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.07
2021	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
2020	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04

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*Log (Quant FVE/Price) < -1*Quantitative Uncertainty*

*Micro-Caps: Log (Quant FVE/Price) < -1.5*Quantitative Uncertainty*

★★ – the stock is somewhat overvalued.

*Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-1*Quantitative Uncertainty, -0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)*

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*Log (Quant FVE/Price) between (-0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty, 0.5*Quantitative Uncertainty)*

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★★★★ – the stock is somewhat undervalued.

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